Description of Delinquency

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| Function | Promoting education, well-being, morality, sociability |
| Relevance | Risk, coping, law, social order |
| Target | Offense |
| Respondent | Youth |
| Feature | 12 items in 5-point rating scale |
| Reliability | .645 |
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Scoring of Delinquency

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| Response | No | Rather little | Average | Rather a lot | Very much |
| Score for Items 1 – 12 | 0 | 25 | 50 | 75 | 100 |

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| Scale score: average of item scores | Action |
| 70-100 | Appreciation |
| 30-70 | Some concern for promotion |
| 0-30 | Great concern for promotion |